

love apples

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James Wynn — 22 Aug 2003, 02:49

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Tami Whitehead — 22 Aug 2003, 13:05 · follows James Wynn

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Dunno if it helps, or is relevant, but love apples are
also another name for mandrake, intimating its use as
an aphrodisiac and in love charms. The fruit of a
mandrake is supposed to be superior in these regards
to the root, whose virtue is that it lasts longer and
can be shaped to resemble the person charmed. The
fruit is yellowish, and in shape and scent resembles

strawberries.

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